

Message

From: Rogers, Rick [rogers.rick@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/9/2021 7:25:06 PM
To: [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)
Subject: RE: Complaints from DE Citizen

Thanks, [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

Yes, I believe the one in the fall was someone had taken pictures of a small tanker truck thinking they were dumping into the waterways but turned out it was water being collected for research at University of Delaware.

I'm not sure it's the same person for this one. [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) been referred to DNREC's criminal investigations unit, but [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) does not trust anyone at the state level and refuses to talk with them. [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) told me [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) was afraid for [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) own welfare. After one incident where [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) tried to report something, [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) felt [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) was being watched and followed so [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) said [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) spent a week in a hotel to essentially hide.

I'll contact [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) and let [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) know we can't do anything unless we have more evidence of direct impacts to public health.

Thanks,

Rick

Rick Rogers, Chief
Water Branch (3ED30)
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
rogers.rick@epa.gov
Office: 215.814.5711
[REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

From: [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Rogers, Rick <rogers.rick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Complaints from DE Citizen

Hi Rick.

I have been meaning to respond to the below.

I checked our CID database, and it looks like we responded to a similar complaint last fall, which I believe to be the same situation. [REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) [REDACTED] Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) [REDACTED] Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

[REDACTED] Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I appreciate you circling back with me.

[REDACTED] Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)**
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
1650 Arch Street (3CE00)
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

From: Rogers, Rick <rogers.rick@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 1:50 PM

To: **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)**

Subject: Complaints from DE Citizen

Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) had taken a call from a person in DE, **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** who alleged that a lot of illegal dumping had occurred in DE and **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** believed it was in relation to a chicken processing plant and company. **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** mentioned that **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** passed on the information **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** had to you which would have been around April 13th or 14th.

I also spoke to the same person who has since sent a number of files, including a spreadsheet that Google Maps links to aerial imagery of various places the citizen talked about. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but our staff investigated the site and it turned out the property owner had a permit to log the parcel. The "waste" that the citizen claimed was illegal dumping was actually piles of saw dust, tree limbs and stumps.

Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C) claims that DNREC in DE has not investigated **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** complaints and **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** doesn't trust the state. **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** believes DNREC employees are either covering up these concerns or ignoring them. I spoke to the person at DNREC who is in charge of the waste water program in DE. **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** has spoken to the citizen and highly recommended that **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** convey **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** information to DNREC's criminal investigation group. **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** said that to **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** knowledge, **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** has not done so, probably because of the lack of trust.

I'm not sure if you looked into what **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** had sent to you. I have several emails with attachments I can share if you think this is something CID would look into. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** claims wells are contaminated and that people are getting sick, but **Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)** not provided any water sample data.. If you'd like to discuss it further, my calendar is up to date.

Rick Rogers, Chief
Water Branch (3ED30)
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
rogers.rick@epa.gov
Office: 215.814.5711
Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)